12.00 Noon

श्री ललितभाई मेहता: महोदया, मंत्री जी ने यह बताया है कि 11 सितम्बर के बाद यह कमी आई है? लेकिन मैं मंत्री जी का ध्यान इस ओर आकर्षित करना चाहूंगा कि थाईलैंड, मलेशिया, सिंगापुर और इंडोनेशिया जैसे छोटे-छोटे देशों पर यह असर क्यों नहीं हुआ? वहां पर विदेशी प्रवासियों और पर्यटकों का उद्योग क्यों बढ़ा? हमारे यहां कोई ऐसी खामी है, ऐसी कोई कमी है जिसके कारण प्रवासी नहीं आ रहे हैं?

उपसभापति: एक मिनट, उनको जवाब दे देने दीजिए। Only one minute is left.

SHRI JAGMOHAN: Madam, I don't think that that is correct because in the case of South-East Asia, the decline in tourism has been much more than the decline in the case of India. Therefore, it is not factually correct that some countries are giving special concessions. They have lost in that connection. We have been more beneficial, of course. If you take the South-East Asian region as a whole, we have done much better than the South-East Asian countries, and also as compared to the world as a whole.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we have just three, four or five seconds left. Dr. Karan Singh, do you want to ask a question? ...(*Interruptions*)....

SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: There is a sharp decline in tourism because of flights not coming and leaving in time.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over. At least your question has been registered.

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Tourism Project for Himachal Pradesh

*6. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects sanctioned since 1998 for development of infrastructure of Tourism in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) by when these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The details of the projects sanctioned in the State of Himachal Pradesh since April 1998 are as under:-

Year	No. of Projects Sanctioned	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
1998-99	10	315.50
1999-00	17	691.79
2000-01	19	397.29
2001-02	12	177.53
2002-03 (till date)	3	663.00
TOTAL	61	2245.11

(b) Out of the 61 projects, 23 have been completed and 6 have been dropped. Sincel these projects are being implemented by Government of Himachal Pradesh through its agencies. they have been requested to expedite implementation of the remaining projects.

Demand of Petroleum Products

†*8. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the demand of petroleum products in the country during the current financial year:

(b) if so, the estimated demand of each petroleum product during the current year; and

(c) the extent to which this demand is likely to exceed as compared to the previous year?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK) (a) to (c) A comparison of the estimated demand of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi